

Senate Bill 473

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-3-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 season and bag limits, promulgation of rules and regulations by the board, possession of
3 more than bag limit, and reporting number of deer killed, so as to change certain provisions
4 relating to closed seasons for deer; to change certain provisions relating to open seasons, bag
5 limits, and antler restrictions for deer; to change certain provisions relating to rules and
6 regulations for open seasons; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 27-3-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to season and bag
10 limits, promulgation of rules and regulations by the board, possession of more than bag limit,
11 and reporting number of deer killed, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a)
12 as follows:

13 "(4) Deer	Jan. 16 — Sept. 7; except that the
14	closed season may be Feb. 1 - Sept.
15	7 in those counties specified as
16	having an extended archery-only
17	open season in paragraph (4) of
18	subsection (b) of this Code section"

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Code section is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

21 "(4) Deer Sept. 8 — ~~Jan. 15; except that there may~~ The daily limit shall be
 22 ~~be also an extended archery-only open~~ ten antlerless deer and
 23 ~~season Jan. 1= Jan. 31 in the counties of~~ two antlered bucks. The
 24 ~~Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton,~~ season limit shall be ten
 25 ~~Gwinnett, and Rockdale due to the extra~~ antlerless deer and two
 26 ~~need for herd reduction in that urban and~~ antlered bucks. Only
 27 ~~suburban area of the state~~ one antlered buck may
 28 have less than four
 29 points one inch or
 30 longer on one side of
 31 the antlers.
 32 Up to two deer per
 33 managed hunt may be
 34 allowed on wildlife
 35 management areas
 36 without complying with
 37 the state-wide bag limit"

38 **SECTION 3.**

39 Said Code section is further amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

40 "(c) In accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section and as may be appropriate,
 41 based on sound wildlife management principles, the board is authorized to promulgate rules
 42 and regulations establishing open seasons on a state-wide, regional, or local basis and
 43 establishing daily and season bag limits; except that the beginning and ending date of open
 44 season for deer shall be uniform state wide."

45 **SECTION 4.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.